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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: DURBAN - JOHANNESBURG OIL PIPELINE

1. SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS (SAR) REPORTEDLY PLANS TO BUILD A THIRD OIL PIPELINE FROM DURBAN TO JOHANNESBURG. THIS LINE, LIKE THE FIRST ONE BUILT (WHICH IS RUNNING NEAR CAPACITY), WILL CARRY REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. THE SECOND LINE (COMPLETED IN 1969) CARRIES CRUDE OIL.
  2. THE NEW OIL PIPELINE HAS YET TO BE APPROVED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT, BUT SAR IS PROCEEDING WITH PLANS FOR AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE ROUTE, WHICH IS TO RUN FROM DURBAN MARBOR TO STORAGE TANKS AT LANGLAAGTE, JOHANNESBURG. THE NEW PIPELINE WILL SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING PRODUCTS LINE BUT NOT FOLLOW EXACTLY THE SAME ROUTE.
  3. THE NEW PIPELINE IS EXPECTED TO RUN UNDERGROUND FOR ABOUT 800 KILOMETERS, WITH 300-MILIMETER DIAMETER PIPES. IT SHOULD COST 82 MILLION RANDS (US\$123 MILLION) AND BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1976.
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